

Aug. Prairie Warbler: one Forestport on 18 June (FGS, MSR) is a rare summer report from this Region. Pine Warbler: male singing from mature White Pines at Panther Lake is a new summering locality north of Oneida Lake. No. Waterthrush: one SP on 7 Aug. is earliest report, sure to be a migrant. Hooded Warbler: proving more widespread than expected in Tug Hill Plateau. Wilson's Warbler: arr SP on 14 Aug.

WEAVERS-SPARROWS: Orchard Oriole: male NPT 2-9 June (DWC, mob); female at nest Camillus Valley on 20 June (FGS). Evening Grosbeak: fledged young at feeder in Eagle Bay adds a confirmed nester to the Regional Atlas. Pine Siskin: two with Am. Goldfinches in Syracuse on 16 July (PDeB) suggests that some birds which nest at low altitudes may over-summer there rather than move to high elevations (where renesting would be possible). Red Crossbill: two on Cicero Center BBS on 27 June (MSR) would be surprising were not this species' erratic wanderings so well known. Grasshopper Sparrow: nesting confirmed in three blocks this summer, the first for local Atlases. CLAY-COLORED SPARROW: singing male Redfield Twsp 4-8 July (FGS) is seventh Regional record. White-throated Sparrow: arr SP on 7 Aug, the only sure migrant reported.

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REGION 6 — ST. LAWRENCE

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Summer is a difficult season to write about. Birding moves from breeding to mid-summer dispersal to molt to early migrants; many birders are preoccupied with the Atlas project, as well as their own peregrinations, and in the latter the Crowells are no exception.

June began with clear skies, but fledglings were assailed with wind and cold rains during the third week of the month. For June the mean monthly temperature was 62°F (40 to 84°F). Total precipitation was 2.02 in with nine rainy days. July was warm and dry: mean temperature 70°F (44° to 89°F); total rain 2.4 in. with 11 rainy days. August was colder and wetter: mean temperature 65°F (42° to 84°); total rain 3.1 in., with 9 rainy days.

Based on 60 days field work (21 June thru), Gerry Smith reported good shorebird flights with stronger movement of immatures than in 1981. All sightings from Eldorado Beach Preserve are his unless otherwise indicated. He also continued a survey of the nesting status of Common Tern colonies on Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River, the results of which will be published separately. Joe Van Riet sent an interesting summary of seven years BBC at Coles Creek and writes, "CCC plantations of the 1930's bring us Red-breasted Nuthatch, Brown Creeper, Hermit Thrush, Solitary Vireo, Magnolia, Yellow-rumped, Black-throated Blue, Black-throated Green, Blackburnian and Pine Warblers, and Broad-winged Hawks, Sharp-shinned Hawks and Goshawks. Flooding of some of these areas by beavers has increased puddle and diving ducks, grebes, Red-shouldered Hawks, Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers, etc. Those CCC people, now in their 70's, never realized the fine habitat they gave us." Van Riet also summarized the number of Atlas blocks out of 30 (!) in which he has found each of 132 species during the past three years.

The summer of 1982 saw many populations on the upswing. Scanning recent Blue List species, the Double-crested Cormorant continued to increase both on Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River, as did Black-crowned Night Heron. Marsh Hawk gained in the Lake Ontario-St. Lawrence lowlands. Yellow-billed Cuckoos were reported for the first time in three years. Several Whip-poor-wills were heard and Chimney Swift showed some increase as did Belted Kingfisher. E. Bluebird was definitely stronger.

Species holding their own (for better or worse) included Com. Loon (apparently no worse), Great Blue Heron and Am. Kestrel (still strong), accipiters, Osprey, Upland Sandpiper, woodpeckers, Least Flycatcher and Loggerhead Shrike—all status quo. Downward trends were seen in Am. Bittern, E. Phoebe, and E. Meadowlark in Jefferson Co., and Yellow Warbler. There were no reports for Cooper's Hawk, Screech Owl, Short-eared Owl, Purple Martin, Grasshopper Sparrow or Henslow's Sparrow. With regard to species undergoing range extensions, only one Red-bellied Woodpecker was reported and no Tufted Titmouse. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher was observed in Potsdam and a confirmed nesting of this species in Macomb was presumably a first nesting record for St. Lawrence Co. House Finch continued to breed in the Watertown area and the Cardinal seems established in Potsdam and Massena.

Rating as true rarities were a White Pelican, two early Merlins, a Piping Plover, a Parasitic Jaeger seen in late August, and last, a Black-backed Three-toed Woodpecker in Potsdam.

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Abbreviations: EDB—El Dorado Beach Preserve; Jeff Co—Jefferson Co.; LVWMA—Lake-View Wildlife Mgt. Area; St. Law. Co.—St. Lawrence Co.; SLR—St. Lawrence River; ULLWMA—Upper and Lower Lake WMA; WHWMA—Wilson Hill WMA.

LOONS—DUCKS: Com. Loon: pair Long Sault I. thru, pair Brandy Brook 28 June, one 2 mi. w. of Conifer 8 July (JVR); pair Old Man's I., SLR (no chicks), one ad Pt. Comfort 19 June (RL), pair with chicks Big Island, Chippewa Bay 9 July (GS); pair Massawepie Lake, Piercefield 10 May (RL). Pied-billed Grebe: one Plumbrook, one s. of Louisville. **WHITE PELICAN**: EDB 1 Aug (S. Kahl, *fide* G. Smith). Double-crested Cormorant: 595 nests Little Galloo I. (CW); max 100-150 per day 21-30 June, 4-20 per day, max 45 in July, two to six per day Aug, all EDB (GS); 500 off Pillar Pt. 8 Aug (D. Ormsby)—all these birds are associated with colony on Little Galloo I.; 24 near Long Sault Dam late July (JVR). Cattle Egret: one Limerick 7 July (RJW); six nests Little Galloo I. 23 July (CW). Great Blue Heron: two to three per day thru, max ten—mostly imm—2 Aug (EDB); several sightings near Potsdam in June (VSDeG) and in Canton thru. Green Heron: good numbers, many young of the year in Henderson area (LC); two to three per day EDB thru; 12 sightings Potsdam 16 June thru 19 Aug (VSDeG); four Waddington BBS 19 June (KC); resident near Boland Creek Marsh, Richville (J. Belknap). Black-crowned Night Heron: one to four per day EDB late June, none thereafter; four Polly's Gut, SLR thru (JVR); numbers up in Henderson and Henderson Harbor—imm every evening (LC); two ad Cape Vincent 14 June (RJW). Least Bittern: one on pond near Robinson Bay 23 June (JVR). Am. Bittern: very few, one LVWMA 27 Aug (LC); found in 14 of 30 blocks (JVR). Canada Goose: three EDB 8-14 Aug only. Brant: 40 SLR near Snell Lock 26 July (M. Flood & D. Nelson); ten Dexter late July (L. Ollivett). Green-winged Teal: arr EDB 7 July; three to seven per day thru. Black Duck: one EDB 6 June, then none till three 7 July, two to six per day thru, max ten 8 Aug. Mallard: 18

EDB 6 June, then two to ten per day to 7 July, 15-50 thru; max 141 31 Aug; "Everywhere" (LC). Pintail: arr EDB 24 July, two to eight per day thru. Blue-winged Teal: arr EDB 7 July, 15 to 40 per day thru, max 65-85 10 to 31 Aug, down from 310-330 in 1981. "No evidence of breeding" (GS); possibly slightly down LVWMA (LC); likewise at ULLWMA (KC). Gadwall: one EDB 9 July, five 3 Aug, one and two per day mid-Aug thru. Am. Wigeon: arr EDB 7 July, max three 22 July. Redhead: 50 WHWMA late Aug (JVR). Ring-necked Duck: successful breeding for second year ULLWMA (D. Hamelin); six WHWMA 9 July (JVR). Com. Goldeneye: one female EDB in NW blow 10 Aug. Ruddy Duck: male WHWMA 20 July (JVR). Com. Merganser: pair Long Sault Dam late June (JVR); two or three females EDB 21 June to 6 July, none till three females 21-25 Aug—summering non-breeders? (GS).

HAWKS—ALCIDS: Osprey: pair mating Lake Massawepie site 19 May (RL); on the nest 8 July (JVR); arr EDB 14 Aug, two 21 Aug (GS); ad feeding at Jacques Cartier Park 29 June and 3 July (RL). Bald Eagle: adult Carry Falls Reservoir Colton 15 June (RL); same bird (?) 20 June over Carry Falls (R. Matzell); two fledged from nest in Jeff Co. (LC). Marsh Hawk: abundant thru (LC); pair south of Hogansburg in late June, pair feeding young Munson Rd., Massena; one over bog 2 mi. w. of Conifer 8 July (JVR); pair at Burrville 12 June, male near Copenhagen 12 June, one Cape Vincent 14 June, three Theresa 15 July, one Keener Hill, Lewis Co. (RJW); one June, singles Potsdam 2, 15, 20 June; 7, 24 Aug (VSDeG). Turkey Vulture: pair Philadelphia 10 July, six Theresa 15 July (RJW); increasing thru (LC); singles at Parishville, Brasher Falls, Brasher Ctr. (JVR); one Clare 16 June (KC). Goshawk: singles in State Forest at Plumbrook, Brasher Ctr., No. Stockholm. Sharp-shinned Hawk: one flying young Henderson 27 June; arr one EDB 29 Aug. Red-tailed Hawk: down in Henderson area—one bird every other day (LC); resident pair Pierrepont thru (KC). Red-shouldered Hawk: three Brasher State Forest 26 June, one near Brandy Brook, Waddington. Broad-winged Hawk: one arr EDB 21 Aug. Golden Eagle: imm over Potsdam 27 June (VSDeG). Am. Kestrel: 12 per day lake plain and Tug Hill region in Aug (LC); ad at nest hole in Lewis Co. 12 June; fledged young Philadelphia 10 June, Pt. Peninsula 4 July, Keener Hill, Lewis Co. 27 June (RJW); several pairs in Canton area in June (KC). **MERLIN:** two imm EDB 21-22 and 28 Aug—very early (GS). Gray Partridge: pair Mud Creek 14 June (RJW), pair near Twin River School, Massena, covey in Roosevelttown (JVR); down from last year (LC). Spruce Grouse: six males in three locations Seevey Bay Colton 9, 18, 28 May, two located by tape, four heard in courtship booming (RL). Turkey: several reports from vicinity of release sites in Pierrepont and Theresa but few young (LC); female with two young near Pope's Mills 28 June (RL). Virginia Rail: "responding to tape in many marshy areas of northern St. Law. Co., 14 of 30 blocks" (JVR). Sora: early in season, 5 of 30 blocks (JVR). Com. Gallinule: ad with ten young, Wilson Bay near Cape Vincent 14 June (RJW), nest with young Massena 28 June, ad with young WHWMA 9 July (JVR). Black-bellied Plover: one EDB 8 Aug, one to two per day thru (GS). Semipalmated Plover: adults EDB 15 July, 6-18 per day thru 20 Aug, max 24 on 10 Aug, imm arr 10 Aug, 6-12 per day thru. **PIPING PLOVER:** imm EDB 31 Aug—first in two years (GS). Killdeer: six resident breeders EDB 24 June to 15 July, 8-20 per day 15 July to 15 Aug, max 43 on 13 Aug, fewer in late Aug; one to two Potsdam thru 4 Aug, five Potsdam 30 July (VSDeG). Greater Yellowlegs: arr EDB 20 July, one to two on scattered dates thru, max 4 on 13 Aug. Lesser Yellowlegs: arr EDB 30 June, two to three per day to 10 July then 10 to 24 per day thru, max 37 on 17 Aug. Solitary Sandpiper: arr and max seven EDB 2 Aug, three on 3 Aug, one 15 Aug, one 26 Aug; single migrant on wooded pond near Louisville 30 June (JVR); several at Boland Creek Marsh, Richville 14 Aug (J. Belknap). Willet: one EDB 9 July. Spotted Sandpiper: six to eight breeders EDB 21 June to 15 July, 10-19 per day to 2 Aug, max 22 on 11 July, then two to six per day thru; nest with four eggs Cape Vincent 14 June (RJW). Upland Sandpiper: ad with young near Washington Park 15 June (RJW); pair near Twin River School late June, two Wagstaff Corner 3 July (JVR); none this year in Canton-Pierrepont area (KC); improved in Jeff. Co., confirmed in 3 blocks (LC). Ruddy Turnstone: two arr EDB 24 July, 20-35 per day thru, mostly adults, max 44 on 12 Aug, one to three imm

per day late Aug. Red Knot: arr EDB 21 Aug thru, max four on 28-29 Aug, all imm. Sanderling: arr EDB 20 July, one to four per day thru, max 20 on 20 Aug, 16 on 25 Aug. Semipalmated Sandpiper: four arr EDB 15 July, 100-250 per day 18-27 July, 350 to 600 per day 27 July to 8 Aug, max 820 on 29 July and 850 on 3 Aug, then 150-300 per day thru; four color-marked birds from Canadian Wildlife Service project sighted. Western Sandpiper: one EDB 19 Aug. Least Sandpiper: three arr EDB 9 July, 10-25 per day to 8 Aug, max ad 46 on 18 July; imm flight five and ten per day 3 to 18 Aug, max 28 on 21 Aug and 34 on 25 Aug. White-rumped Sandpiper: singles EDB 29-31 July, 3, 6 to 7 Aug. Baird's Sandpiper: one EDB 30 July, 6 Aug. Pectoral Sandpiper: three arr EDB 30 July, increased to 11-12 per day thru 10 Aug, two to six per day to 20 Aug, then scattered singles thru; better flight than 1981. Stilt Sandpiper: one EDB 30 July to 2 Aug, two on 3 Aug, one 4 Aug, scarce. Short-billed Dowitcher: four arr EDB 11 July, one to two ad to 2 Aug, then one to four 9 to 22 Aug, max seven 20 Aug, then scattered singles thru. Com. Snipe: marked increase on Ogdensburg BBS from three to four stops in recent years to 28 (RL); one to two per day EDB scattered thru. Wilson's Phalarope: scattered singles EDB 22 July to 20 Aug, two on 7 and 13 Aug—8 different individuals. No. Phalarope: imm EDB 31 Aug. **PARASITIC JAEGER:** dark phase imm EDB 10 Aug—very early (GS). Black-headed Gull: aberrant individual or hybrid seen each year 1979 to 1982 PRWMA (RJW), similar or same individual hybridized with Ring-billed Gull on Little Galloo I. to produce 3 eggs 13 May; not found on visit in July (CW). Bonaparte's Gull: arr EDB 29 July, one per day scattered thru, max 12 on 28 and 29 Aug (GS). Ring-billed Gull: 200 to 600 per day EDB thru 3 Aug, max 1,000 on 29 July, then 10-60 per day thru; another big year at Little Galloo I. (LC); ten Pierrepont dump 13 June. Herring Gull: two to six Potsdam 15 June, 1 and 10 July, max 25 on 19 June; two to five per day EDB thru 17 Aug, then 8-14 per day thru. Great Black-backed Gull: six nests with eggs on Little Galloo I. 13 May (CW); one to four imm, subad and ad per day EDB thru (GS). Caspian Tern: one Wilson Bay 14 June (RJW); one to six ad per day EDB 21 June to 21 July, 4-12 per day thru 15 Aug, max 18 on 3, 12, 13 Aug, two to six per day 15 Aug, thru; birds are from Pigeon I. Ontario colony (GS). Com. Tern: two to four per day EDB 20 June to 10 Aug, ad birds probably from Carl I. colony; 10-20 per day 10-20 Aug, max 38 14 Aug, one to two per day late Aug; in his survey of 15 colonies in Region 6, between 30 May and 13 July, Smith found 305 nests prior to 28 June, 606 adults, and 215 chicks between 14 June and 13 July. Black Tern: colony of about 75 at Wilson Bay 14 June (RJW); one WHWMA 9 July (JVR); one to two per day EDB thru 10 July, none till 11 Aug, then two to five per day 11-21 Aug (GS).

PIGEONS—WOODPECKERS: Mourning Dove: numbers up throughout region, even on Tug Hill (LC). Black-billed Cuckoo: pair Theresa 16 July (RJW); one or two per day, three Hopkinton BBS (JVR); increasing thru (LC). Yellow-billed Cuckoo: singles Cape Vincent, Adams, Allensdale 14-15 June (RJW); one per day and four Hopkinton BBS 3 July (JVR). Screech Owl: none in Henderson—usually heard thru in July and Aug (LC). Long-eared Owl: juvenal killed by car near Woodville, So. Jeff. Co. 12 July (LC). Com. Nighthawk: nest with young drowned in storm, Massena (JVR); one Potsdam 8 June, two center of Canton 8 June (KC). Whip-poor-will: one Dry Hill, Watertown, 2 June (RJW); three near New Bremen, Lewis Co. 16 June (LC); one flushed Pierrepont 15 June, one w. Pierrepont 16 June (KC). Chimney Swift: common, decreasing after 6 Aug (LC); pair in courtship Canton 1 June, 6 Canton 8 June (KC). Ruby-throated Hummingbird: very common, seen sunning in tops of dead willows in wetlands (LC); one Potsdam on 12 dates 11 July thru, two 18 and 31 Aug (SVDeG). Red-headed Woodpecker: one Keener Hill, Lewis Co. 27 June (RJW); one near Henderson 8 July, one Henderson 14 Aug, one DOR Adams 24 Aug (LC); now gone from Massena area (JVR). Red-bellied Woodpecker: one Henderson 26 June (LC). Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: improved; PR-D Canton 9 June. Downy Woodpecker: four Potsdam 31 Aug (SVDeG); 27 of 30 blocks (JVR). Hairy Woodpecker: two resident pairs at our Farm (KC); 27 of 30 block (JVR). **BLACK-BACKED THREE-TOED WOODPECKER:** male seen in mixed hardwood-conifer swamp in Potsdam 26 June (VDeG); also a male, previously unreported, was observed several times at a feeder in Lisbon Jan-Feb 1981 by Glenn Harris. This

lowland site is decidedly out of the normal distribution, but I found typical flaking of bark on spruces in nearby swamp. Pileated Woodpecker: only one in Henderson 24 Aug (LC); male possibly near nest Canton 9 June (KC); feeding young near Robt. Moses Pk, one near Plumbrook, pair near Reynolds Plant (JVR).

FLYCATCHERS—STARLINGS: Olive-sided Flycatcher: fairly common Tug Hill (LC); one singing 2 mi. w. of Conifer 8 July (JVR); one Colton 9 June (KC). E. Wood Pewee: one or two pair Canton 9-22 June (KC); 28 of 30 blocks (JVR); one DeGrasse 2 June (KC). Alder Flycatcher: one to four per day thru (JVR). Willow Flycatcher: two Cape Vincent 14 June (RJW); one 23 June Eisenhower Lock, one 26 June Brasher State Forest (JVR). E. Phoebe: very, very few (LC). Fledged young Pierrepont 13 June (KC); one to two Potsdam 30 June to 18 July (SVDeG). Great Crested Flycatcher: abundant, 29 of 30 blocks (JVR). E. Kingbird: abundant; 20 per day (LC). Horned Lark: very low (LC); five so. of Hogansburg 29 June, one Wagstaff Corners 3 July, two Town Line Road Chase Mills (JVR). Tree Swallow: many fledged young in Canton area mid-June (KC); increasing thru mid-July, six imm 1 to 6 July then three 7 to 11 July (SVDeG). Rough-winged Swallow: two Clark's Bridge, Hogansburg (JVR). Cliff Swallow: common near Fish Creek, Lewis Co. (LC); Twin Falls, DeGrasse 12 June. Barn Swallow: in Potsdam two daily thru 15 July, five imm 10 July, four ad 16 to 31 July; ten 7 Aug, 15 on 20 Aug (SVDeG). Blue Jay: numbers up slightly. Com. Raven: singles Childwold in June (RL); pair on ledge at Cat Mt., Town of Clifton 20 May (G. Chase). Black-capped Chickadee: in Potsdam, one 19 June, 30 July, four 12 Aug, three 18 Aug, ten 31 Aug (SVDeG). Red-breasted Nuthatch: common in softwood plantations on Tug Hill (LC); ad with food for young Highmarket, Lewis Co. 5 July (RJW); other reports of singles thru. Brown Creeper: one pair Canton 9 to 22 June; one Colton 10 June (KC). House Wren: one per day thru but ten on Smith Rd. so. of Hogansburg (JVR); generally abundant. Winter Wren: one Tug Hill WMA 15 June, one Lake Ontario shore 5 July (LC); fledgling in Robert Moses State Park 23 June (JVR). Short-billed Marsh Wren: at least three males ULLWMA between Hdg. and lake 9 June (KC); one LVWMA 23 June (LC); one LaRue Rd., Massena 17 July (JVR). Long-billed Marsh Wren: good population ULLWMA (KC). Ruby-crowned Kinglet: singing males Colton in June (RL). Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: adult feeding young at Pleasant Lake, Macomb 19 June (RL); one in Potsdam 26 June (SVDeG). E. Bluebird: one to two ad Potsdam 16, 22 June, 11, 14 July. One imm 22 June, two imm 11 July (SVDeG); one near Waddington 19 June (KC); two ad, three imm feeding on red elderberry near Sears Pond, Tug Hill (LC). Veery: "Probably most common bird in St. Law. Co." (JVR)! Swainson's Thrush: at Highmarket 5 July (RJW). Hermit Thrush: at Highmarket 5 July (RJW); pair Joe Indian Pd. Rd., Colton 10 June (KC). Brown Thrasher: increased from one to ten on Ogdensburg BBS (RL). Loggerhead Shrike: adult with begging young at Morristown Ctr., same location as 1980 and 1981 (RL). Starling: flocks of imm everywhere after mid-June. Cedar Waxwing: increasing thru; in Potsdam two 31 July, 15 Aug, max 35 on 16 and 31 Aug (VSDeG).

VIREOS—WARBLERS: Solitary Vireo: one singing in Tamarack, Town of Fine 17 June (KC); singles so. of Hogansburg 29 June Walter Pratt's Memorial Forest, Brasher Ctr. 2 July, Brasher Falls (JVR). Warbling Vireo: none, usually two to three, Coles Creek BBC (JVR); slightly down in central St. Law. Co. (KC). Philadelphia Vireo: silent male at Bostwick Creek, Macomb on 18 June—late migrant? asks RL. Golden-winged Warbler: one Dry Hill 3 June (RJW); common in abandoned fields in Town of Macomb, Oswegatchie, Rossie (RL). Nashville Warbler: abundant; one No. Osceola 24 June, five in Little John UMA 20 Aug (LC); ad gathering food for young Colton 10 June (RC). No. Parula: pair at Leonard Pd., Colton 15 June (RL). Yellow Warbler: numbers down—from five in recent years to two in Coles Creek BBC, 20 to 11 in Hopkinton BBS (JVR); from 9 and 12 to 3 DeGrasse BBS, but 5.5 to 5 BBC at ULLWMA (KC); one Potsdam 20 June thru 18 July, five 31 July (SVDeG). Magnolia Warbler: singles at Blake Reservoir Colton 10 June (KC); Totman Gulf, Adams 15 June; Allendale, Washington Park 16 June; Pinkney, Lewis Co. 17 June (RJW). Black-throated Blue Warbler: Highmarket 5 July (RJW). Yellow-rumped Warbler: one plus

pair PR D, Co Fy(?) Joe Indian Rd., Colton 10 June (KC). Black-throated Green Warbler: one 15 June (RJW); one Brasher Falls 26 June, one Clark's Bridge (JVR). Blackburnian Warbler: abundant in foothill zone (RL, KC); one on Fish Creek, Macomb in June (RL); one Highmarket 5 July (RJW). Pine Warbler: abundant in mature pines feeding young at Black Lake (RL). Cerulean Warbler: four males on territory, Bostwick Creek near South Woods Rd., Rossie 18 June; two males on tributary of Fish Creek, Macomb; one at Pleasant Lake (all RL); one singing male near Brasher Ctr. 2 July (JVR). Black-and-white Warbler: common on St. Law. lowlands at edges of mature woodland (RL). Mourning Warbler: one singing male on St. Law. R. in Morristown (RL), one to two per day (JVR); one Twin Falls, DeGrasse 2 and 12 June (KC). Com. Yellowthroat: abundant; six Coles Creek BBC (JVR); five Potsdam 16 and 18 Aug (VSDeG). Ovenbird: good shape. No. Waterthrush: one Canton 9 June (KLC). Canada Warbler: none!

WEAVERS-SPARROWS: Cardinal: one to two thru, one imm 3 Aug (VSDeG); pair on Andrews St., Massena (JVR). Field Sparrow: six DeGrasse BBS 17 June vs 4 and 5 for previous two years; "rare," 4 of 30 blocks (JVR). Dark-eyed Junco: feeding young at Lake Mas-saweepe, Piercefield 8 July (JVR). Bobolink: strong movement daily 6 Aug thru (LC). E. Meadowlark: one imm Potsdam 5 July (SVDeG). Purple Finch: two Potsdam 10 June, six 11 June thru (SVDeG); common in Henderson in June, decreasing thru (LC). Pine Siskin: one to two Jeff. Co. in June (LC). Am. Goldfinch: six daily Potsdam thru (SVDeG). House Finch: max seven including four young in Henderson (LC); five at feeder Dry Hill June; successful nesting in hanging spider plant near Watertown (RJW).

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REGION 7 — ADIRONDACK-CHAMPLAIN

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June was such a wet month at Paul Smiths that gardens stagnated for want of sunshine. July and August reversed this trend with a drought that exposed Lake Champlain mudflats but few shorebirds arrived. Eastern Meadowlark was unreported and this includes five Fish and Wildlife Breeding Bird Surveys. This looks like a species with a problem. Are there really more Red-headed Woodpeckers than Eastern Meadowlarks in this region?

Several summer Ruby-crowned Kinglets were heard. Bloomingdale Bog, On-chiota, and Bay Pond should have this species singing in summer every year. Tom Dudones confirmed Spruce Grouse.

Many thanks are extended to all who shared their Atlas reports, breeding bird surveys, and other observations. Observers are rather scarce in this region.

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LOONS-DUCKS: CD found two adult Com. Loons and a juvenal on Sperry Pond near Tupper 20 July. AB and PB saw two adults on Lake Kushaqua 29 July. One young was fledged on Upper St. Regis Lake but vanished soon thereafter. DM had five young at 3 Pise-co locations. There were lots of Great Blue Herons, a few Green Herons, and Am. Bittern was listed for Newcomb, Tupper Marsh, Elk Lake, Mountain View, Chasm Falls, and Brown's